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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS ON ECONOMIC SUMMIT

1. NEARLY ALL CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS AVAILABLE ON NOVEMBER 17
CARRY TASS ITEMS ON THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT. PRAVDA, IN ITS FIRST
MENTION OF THE MEETING, RUNS A PARIS-DATELINED TASS REPORT,
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CALLED "IN A SITUATION OF SECRECY." THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT

"NOT ONLY JOURNALISTS, BUT EVEN EXPERTS AND ADVISORS OF THE DELEGATION ARE NOT ADMITTED TO THE MEETINGS." CITING "LOCAL POLITICAL CIRCLES," THE ITEM SAYS THAT THE MEETING MAY BE EVEN MORE CONCERNED WITH THE POLITICAL THAN WITH ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE CAPITALIST WORLD, AND THAT "ONE OF ITS MAIN OBJECTIVES IS AN EFFORT TO WORK OUT A GENERAL LINE OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED CAPITALIST POWERS IN RELATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." THE ITEM NOTES THAT THE BENELUX COUNTRIES SAID THAT THEY "WOULD NOT CONSIDER THEMSELVES BOUND BY ANY DECISION TAKEN WITHOUT THEIR PARTICIPATION," AND THAT CANADA WAS ALSO MIFFED AT BEING LEFT OUT. ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUES, TASS CITES "LOCAL OBSERVERS" ON "SERIOUS CONTRADICTIONS" BETWEEN THE U.S. AND FRANCE OVER FLOATING EXCHANGE RATES AND CONCLUDES THAT "THERE IS ALSO NO UNITY BETWEEN THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE ON THE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. THERE ALSO EXIST SIGNIFICANT CONTRADICTIONS ON ONE OF THE CENTRAL QUESTIONS -- RELATIONS BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED CAPITALIST STATES AND THE DEVELOPING OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES. THE USA IS PROPOSING NOTHING OTHER THAN A "CARTEL" OF CAPITALIST STATES FOR PRESSURE ON THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES."

2. SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIA CARRIES A SHORTER VERSION OF THE SAME TASS ITEM, LEAVING OFF THE LAST SECTION DEALING WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUES IN THE CONFERENCE.

3. IN NEWSPAPERS DATED NOVEMBER 16 BUT AVAILABLE ONLY AFTER YESTERDAY'S SUMMARY, KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CARRIES A BRIEF TASS REPORT OF THE ARRIVAL IN PARIS OF PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER FOR THE MEETING WHILE SEL'SKAYA ZHIZN AND KOMSOMOL'SKAYA PRAVDA CARRY A SHORT TASS ITEM ON THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE IN RAMBOUILLET. THE SIX HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, IT SAYS, "WILL DISCUSS ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES THROUGH WHICH THE CAPITALIST ECONOMIES ARE PASSING. BESIDES THAT, QUESTIONS OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL BE TOUCHED ON." MATLOCK

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